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DEPARTMENT PASS ALSO TO EXIM BANK

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SUBJ: EXIM BANK ACTIVITY IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: KABUL 0197

1. IN REFTTEL, WE RECOMMENDED A RE-ASSISMENT OF EXIM'S
POLICY REGARDING LENDING ACTIVITY IN AFGHANISTAN AND
SUGGESTED SOME POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY ARISE IN
THE NEAR FUTURE FOR INCREASING THIS ACTIVITY.

2. ANOTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITY HAS NOW SURFACED. DEPUTY
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ZAHIR INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR ON
JANUARY 12 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) HAD
DECIDED TO PURCHASE AN EARHT STATION FOR SATELLITE
COMMUNICATIONS, AS A PART OF AN EXTENSIVE UPGRADING AND
EXPANSION OF THE AFGHAN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

3. IT WILL PROBABLY BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE A TENDER IS
ISSUED FOR THE STATION. IN FACT, THE GOA STILL
HAS NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO OPT FOR A
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STANDARD A OR A STANDARD B INSTALLATION. WE SHOULD
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS INTERIM PERIOD TO SORT OUT
OUR OWN THINKING RE EXIM LENDING ACTIVITY HERE,
WITH A VIEW TO MAXIMIZING SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN
SUPPLIERS WHEN FINALLY A TENDER IS ISSUED.
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